

[Translation]

**Deaths in Police custody in Delhi**

1324. SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NAYAK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons died in police custody in Delhi during the last three months;

(b) whether any inquiry has been conducted in this regard; and

(c) if so, the action taken against officials found guilty?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) One person died in police custody during last three months.

(b) and (c) Inquest proceedings have been initiated under section 176 Cr. P.C. A Constable has been placed under suspension.

**Post offices in Santhal Pargana-Chhota Nagpur in Bihar**

1325. SHRI SIMON MARANDI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of post offices in Santhal Paragana-Chhota Nagpur commissionerary in Bihar functioning in rented houses; and

(b) the details of annual expenditure being incurred thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The number of Post Offices in Santhal Pargana-Chhota Nagpur Commissionerary in Bihar functioning in rented buildings is 334.

(b) The total annual expenditure on rent of these buildings is Rs. 11,22,904/- (Rs. eleven lakhs twenty two thousand nine hundred and four).

[English]

**Scheme for amelioration of Jute Growing Farmers**

1326. SHRI HARIN PATHAK: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme under the consideration of the Government for the amelioration of jute growing farmers in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) when the scheme is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (c) Government of India is already implementing Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Special Jute Development Programme (SJDP) in all the important Jute/Mesta growing States of the country. Under the scheme, Central assistance is provided to the State for distribution of quality seed, farm implements, plant protection chemicals and equipments, soil ameliorants, essential nutrients, minikits and fungal culture to farmers at subsidised rate. Assistance is also provided to the farmers for construction of retting tanks and training. Besides, demonstrations are organised on farmers field to induce the farmers to adopt new technology of jute cultivation.

[Translation]

**Scholarships to foreign students for Studies in India**

1327. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of foreign students being nominated and granted scholarships by the Government for undergoing studies in India, country-wise; and

(b) the number of such students from Nepal, Sri Lanka and other

neighbouring countries who have been granted scholarships during the last three years?

**THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAV-SINH SOLANKI):** (a) and (b) Information is being collected from various Ministries/Departments and will be laid on the Table of the House.

### **Conversion of religion of Hindu girls in Pakistan**

**1328. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR:** Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the complaints of forcible conversion of religion of Hindu girls in Pakistan;

(b) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the U.S. State Department Report on Human Rights Practices in Pakistan 1990; and

(c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

**THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAV-SINH SOLANKI):** (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) It is the duty of the Government of Pakistan to protect the rights and prevent the harassment of all its citizens, including of those belonging to the minority communities.

[English]

### **Profits of Salem Steel Plant**

**1329. DR. P. VALLAL PERUMAN:** Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the profits earned by the Salem Steel Plant during 1989-90 and 1990-91;

(b) whether the production capacity of this plant has gone up during the last three years;

(c) whether there is any plan to export steel produced by this plant; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV):** (a) Salem Steel Plant incurred loss of Rs. 25.63 crores during 1989-90. In 1990-91, the plant has made a profit of Rs. 20.05 crores (provisional subject to finalisation of accounts).

(b) With the commissioning of a new Cold Rolling Mill in March, 1991, the installed capacity of the plant has increased from 32,000 tonnes per annum to 65,000 tonnes per annum of Cold Rolled Stainless Steel Coils/Sheets.

(c) and (d) As against the export of 3628 tonnes of Cold Rolled Stainless Steel Sheets/Coils during 1990-91, Salem Steel Plant proposes to export 8,000 tonnes during 1991-92.

### **Reservation for Postman and Branch Post Master posts in rural Areas**

**1330. SHRI ANADI CHARAN DAS:** Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether reservation is provided to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in recruitment to the posts of Postman and Branch Postmaster in the rural areas;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to enforce reservation to these categories of posts and fulfil the reserved quota?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU):** (a) to (c) In respect of departmental Postmen, normal rules of reservations apply. However, no reservation is provided to the Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes in recruitment to the posts of Extra Departmental Branch Postmasters, but they are given preference over other